THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Cleaning of the Yamuna

1043. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Jansatta of 18th June, 1986 to the effect that no steps are being taken clean the Yamuna in spite of recommendations made in the report of the High Powered Committee;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Governnment in this regard; and

(c) what is the amount of funds allocated for the cleaning of Yamuna?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The activities undertaken include:

— Augmentation of capacities for the existing sewage treatment plants;

— Renovation of the existing sewage treatment plants and pumping stations; and

— Installation of branch sewers and systems for diversion of sullage water to prevent its flow into the river.

(c) The allocation for the water supply and sanitation schemes during 1986-87 is Rs. 55.73 crores.

Central Instructions to States for implementing afforestation schemes

1044. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that afforestation schemes prepared by various State Governments are in the doldrums;

(b) if so, what are the names of such States;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to issue instructions to all the State Governments to go ahead with the implementation of the afforestation schemes; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Detailed guidelines for action have been issued to all the States and Union Territories in September 1985 itself. The policy decisions, prescriptions and action plans that emerged at the first meeting of the National Land Use & Wastelands Development Council in February, 1986 have also been communicated to them for implementation.

(d) Does not arise.

Sale of Cyber 205 super computer to India by U.S.

1045. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 473 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the US Administration has also approved the sale of the Cyber 205 super computer to India; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the deal made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Government of India has no authentic information about this.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Facilities for war-widows/family members of the killed/missing defence personnel

1046. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the facilities being provided to war-widows/family members of the killed/missing defence personnel;

(b) whether they are uniform in all the States and Union Territories; if not, in what respect do they differ;

(c) what facilities are denied in some States/Union Territories, stating the names of those States/Union Territories; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make such facilities uniformly available throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The following facilities are generally provided to war widows/family members killed/missing defence personnel;

(i) Cash grants from the Welfare Funds of the Service concerned, as well as from the War Bereaved and Disabled Ex-Servicemen Special Relief Fund, are given, depending on individual circumstances and requirements.

(ii) Children allowance till the age of 23 years is attained.

(iii) Children education allowance at actual expenditure, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 p.m. per child in the case of officers, and Rs. 19 p.m. per child in the case of JCO/ORs.

(iv) Educational concessions and scholarships providing for tuition fee, boarding charges, uniform, and cost of books and stationery.

(v) Preferential admission to Medical and Professional educational institutions against reserved vacancies (40 seats are reserved every year in Medical/Dental Colleges for the wards of deceased/disabled, serving and ex-service personnel of the Armed Forces. In Engineering institutions too there are similar reservations in many States, but the extent varies from State to State).

(vi) Preferential allotment of oil products/agencies, Jai Jawan Stalls, house sites and houses, and of surplus land. However, the exact nature and extent vary from State to State.

(vii) Employment assistance to upto two members of the family of Defence personnel killed in action.

(b) and (c) The facilities are not identical in all the States. According to information available the States of Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura and the UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Pondicherry do not have rservations for house site houses. Similarly, in the States of Nagaland, Sikkim, Meghalaya and the UT of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Andaman & Nicobar, there are no reservations in professional colleges because no professional colleges are located there. Generally, however, the larger States have similar provisions and minor variations are dictated by local circumstances.

(d) The Government of India endeavours to bring about uniformity in the States in all such matters relating to ex-servicemen. The position is also being reviewed annually in the forum of the Kendriya Sainik Board, in which all the States are represented.